Traffic Engineering Conference

Thursday August 21, 2008

Spec. Book Stuff

- Application ambient temp. = 40 & rising
- Min. dry thickness = 20 mils
- Initial Retro readings (+/- 30 days after placement)
 - std. beads: w-375; y-250
 - elements: w-800; y-500

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- The Contractor shall be certified by the manufacturer of the polyurea pavement marking material to install the manufacturers material.
- Furnish the Engineer written confirmation of the training from the material manufacturer prior to beginning work...

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180 Day Retro readings
(+/-30 days prior to the end of the 180 observation period)

- std beads: w-325; y-200

- elements: w-700; y-400

- Is it a good marking? YES!
- Is it the greatest thing since sliced bread?
 NO!
- Has it worked well in the past YES!
- Have we had "issues" in the past?
 YES! (But no more than any other pavement marking)

 Polyurea is a relatively new product compared to paint or thermoplastic pavement markings.

As with any product, there will be circumstances where "issues" arise.

• But so far (with the help of our excellent DTEs & Traffic Services Staff, Resident Engineers and the Material and Test Unit) we have determined that...

The most common causes of "issues" are: installation, surface preparation, type of pavement, pavement surface condition, live traffic, etc.



What we have seen doing our audits.

Some good, some bad, Overall Great!!

We have seen a new color- tan cl paint?

One Coat vs. Two Coats

answer: final acceptable line to get credit for the striping (one coat or four coats)

We are about to start our audits again around the middle of October. We will be contacting you to set up times.



What do we do when we reach a plateau? "We just can't improve anymore?"

Any ideas?

- One option could be to average the last 3 years of production and make that our baseline. (road oil method)
- Remember, any changes, ideas, proposals, etc. must be approved by the Pavement Marking Incentive Pay committee



